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#### Jumping at Conclusions.

The "American plan" for the re-Atlantic. It is discussed as if it were writing, subjected to critical analysis act accordingly. and found either flawless or full of flaws, according to the viewpoint of the critic. The European nations act as if they had been handed something in a "take it or leave it" spirit, and were in the agonizing process of trying to make up their minds what to

If any one has a copy of the "American plan" for rehabilitating Europe it is more than probable that President Harding and Secretary Hughes would welcome a chance to get a look at it. And they ought to be shown. It is not at all polite to keep the President and his foreign secretary in the dark as to what this government intends or does not intend to do in the matter of approving a loan to Germany or calling a world economic conference to sit in Washington. Whoever it is that has worked out the program, whether a messenger at the who are charged by law with responsibility for our intercourse with other

As a matter of fact, the chief characteristic of the "American plan" is its multiplicity. They already number into the thousands, and new ones are being emitted like German marks. But if there is any plan which has approval of the responsible heads of the American government, that fact is yet to be disclosed. About all this government has done has been to indicate a willingness and desire to be helpful in solving Europe's difficulties, and the rest has been a case chiefly of

It started with the President's adiress to Congress at the opening of he present session. Two passages in that address, innocent and apparently harmless, were seized upon and made to have meanings which must have been a surprise to their author. Restating a frequently declared American policy, the President said: "We rency systems and facilitate all commerce which does not drag us to the very levels of those we seek to help." That was interpreted to mean that the President had made up his mind to call an international economic conference to sit in Washington at an early day. In discussing the work of the Washington arms conference of a year ago he said: "The four-power pact, which abolishes every probability of war on the Pacific, has brought new confidence in a maintained peace, and model for like assurances wherever derstanding among nations was acference on peace and disarmament.

"American plan" which critics are ant word and a cordial handelasp. shooting full of holes today. When a Paris paper comments, therefore, that "the plan looks as if it had been drafted by the Germans" it is talking about something of which the can people are not informed.

Sir Thomas Lipton, on his return to England, announced that he would soon issue his fifth challenge for the at Mr. Harding he can afford to ig-America's cup. He will thus con- nore. That sort of thing usually detribute his bit toward reducing unemployment.

Of the three czars of the American amusement world Czar Thomas of the theaters probably feels that he has a sinecure as compared with Czars Hays

# The Streets of Washington.

Washington was once known as the best paved city in the United States. to be, forgiven him. Here the asphalt pavement was brought to its early high point of efficiency and durability, and the streets of the capital were exceptionally smooth. That day is long past, however, and Washington has been out- last dozen shovelfuls in the bin are stripped by many cities in the matter exhausted. of street paving, until it is today scarcely in the running in this re-

The deterioration of the city's street surfaces is due to the denial of adequate funds for their maintenance. Year after year estimates have been cut down and appropriations have the recent campaign who stood for the been made in comparatively meager proposed subsidy were defeated besums. The Commissioners have been forced to cke out their means, to the list, which would have topped the spread out thinly money for repairs generalization in value. and resurfacing, to postpone the laying of new pavements and generally to maintain a much lower standard of La Follette said that "wherever a canstreet surfacing than obtained in the didate for public office declared

and of the citizens' organizations in trict, normally republican, republican this matter of Washington's streets, candidates who failed to pledge them all to the point of demanding more million dollars were cut out of the themselves to vote against it." estimates by the budget bureau upder | Here again specifications would at de Christmas dinner,"

capital can not be kept in good order rate, "make mighty interesting readwith \$730,000 when at least a million ing." more is, in the judgment of the Commissioners and their expert sides, es- ping measure that "it represents a

paved area within the District are can enterprises ashore have been this city has grown tremendously out national advantage by the application all the ills which beset them, an abrutty and even unsafe. The traffic in brought to large proportions to the of all proportion to the care of the of the policy of protection, why not streets. The development of a heavy this one affoat? truck service has put a severe strain upon the pavements, and it is now himself a protectionist? And has he under consideration to limit the loads carried by motor trucks as a means of measures which were under demopreventing undue wear and tear on cratic attack on the same argument the street surfaces.

well surfaced that they will stand any dent? amount of traffic or any reasonable weight. The standard of smoothness and solidity and durability should be so high that no limits of speed or loading are necessary to prevent destruc tion. If it will cost a million dollars more than the budget estimates to put the streets in as good condition as a habilitation of Europe is the big news year's work can accomplish, that money should by all means be provided. The District is eager to pay its tion up to the mark should be done. something which had been reduced to share of this cost, and Congress should If new and larger accommodations are

#### Terrorism at Marion.

mine riot of last June. This trial began with a long delay in the securing of a jury. The county seat, where it is being held, is less than ten miles from the scene of the crime. Talesmen summoned by the court to serve on the jury were loathe to undertake this duty for fear of reprisals. Threats have been uttered against those who served as jurymen in case the verdict would be adverse to the defendants. Finally a jury consisting mainly of farmers was secured. Then began the same trouble in the matter of witnesses. Those who had testimony to give were reluctant to respond to the summons to court and to answer ques tions put to them. Again threats were heard from those favorable to the miners on trial and to the organization of which they are members. The situation has reached the point where a secret organization of farmers has been formed in the two counties of Williamson and Johnson, and the word has been sent forth that for the life of every farmer taken as a result of his testimony a toll of ten lives will be exacted.

These farmer witnesses have been members of the mob who advanced on the Herrin mine, declaring their purpose to kill the workers there. Every one of these witnesses has hesitated before replying to the questions of the prosecuting attorney.

More is at stake at the trial at Marion than the lives or liberty of the five men under direct accusation. Process of law in Illinois is in the balance. The Herrin massacre was an atrocious crime, but even a greater crime is contemplated, is even being attempted, in the effort to suppress justice.

Evidently the farmer witnesses at protective association indicates that they propose to give their evidence. despite the risk involved. The very fact that they are compelled to take this course is strong testimony to the disadvantage of the men on trial.

### The President.

Mr. Cannon will have his little joke. Asked about a visit he and a friend I can well believe it might be made a had paid to the White House Saturday, he replied: "We thought Mr. in the world any common interests Harding was getting lonely. So we are concerned." This very amiable merely called to try to cheer him up, expression of desire for a better un- and I think we succeeded fairly well."

Mr. Harding's "loneliness" keeps cepted as indicative of a settled pur- him busy. The processions to the pose to intervene in Europe by the White House are steady and of good summoning of an international con- length. All sorts and conditions of men and women compose them, and Of like flimsy substance is the all callers are rewarded with a pleas-

"Sweet are the uses of adversity. Sweet also, when it comes in time, iscriticism. And a good deal of the criticism Mr. Harding is hearing is coming at the right time. He is in mid-American government and the Ameri- channel. Two years behind him, and two years before him. He will make or break in the two before him.

What of unfairness and injustice harbors in the criticism now directed feats itself. What of truth and intelligence, he should, and probably will,

take into consideration and profit by. It would be amazing if no mistakes stood against the President. He inherited a mess if ever a public official did: and inaugurating a clean-up has taxed him to the utmost, we may all be sure. But he has tackled the job with courage; and as the people believe in his sincerity and patrictism some mistakes should, and are likely

The best illustration of faith is afforded by the man who ceases to worry when his coal dealer assures him of a replenished supply before the

## Mr. La Follette and Protection.

In his speech against the shipping bill the other day Senator Robinson declared that over fifty republican candidates for House and Senate in fort. cause of that fact. But he did not give

measure, delivered Saturday, Senator against this ship subsidy bill in a dis-In yesterday's Star were printed trict normally of his own political statements by members of Congress party he was elected and in many disselves to oppose this bill were defeated liberal appropriations this year. One by democratic candidates who pledged

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of Congress. It is obvious that the all means publish it. It would, at any

Mr. La Follette also said of the ship-

Washington's streets should be so Lasker bill sponsored by the Presi-

of living rose in that country. Now consumers are protesting. Germany telling uniform tales of having heard evidently needs a few lessons in eco-

the truth there. The organization of a cars, a preholiday slogan as appealing as 'Shop early!"

> The householder who brags about the contents of his cellar just now should be careful to specify the con-

> New Jersey is rapidly taking the ead over California in the matter of rime sensations.

## SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Fair Exchange. clown whose features, usually

In private wore a look of deep re

Remarked: "Conditions are peculiar very.

A curious competition I have met. Why doesn't life become serene and sunny.

Without a grief to complicate affairs. Since everybody's trying to be funny Regardless of his more important

cares! The business expert's gayly serenad

To bring the banquet to a prope close. By night the grim reformer's may querading,

The college prof assumes a cyni guess I'll have to study and tur

To educate the country and

It's up to every clown to play the

preacher If every preacher seeks to play the clown."

All Kinds of Politics. "You ought to follow the example of other statesmen and get into the movie game."

"No," replied Senator Sorghum

"it's best for a man to stay in the kind

of politics he's used to." Jud Tunkins says you can't believe all you read-which is a great com-

### Her Eyes.

said her eyes were diamonds bright. And yet the phrase looks queer to me.

I'll change the term to anthracite, Because her eyes are dear to me.

Slogans Clash. "Why didn't you heed the warnin

Shop early'?" "Storekeeper had a slogan of wn, 'C. O. D.'"

"Fame." said Uncle Eben, "ain' n great consolation. De roasted turkey never knows how he was preciat

# this head, and an estimate of \$730,000 strengthen the argument. If the Wis-was submitted for the consideration consin senator has a list, he should by Why United States Should Not Cancel Debts Owed It by Europe Dr. Kober Answers Dr. Wiley as

In consequence of the neglect and balf measures and infrequent repairs

The subsidy feature of the shipping bill is socketed in protection. It is of appropriations, Washington's streets are today full of bumps and holes, and the country roads lying beyond the payed area within the District are can enterprise as how the country to a possible to see a way out, the proposal is advanced for general cancellation shall be borne by the lation of interalled indebtedness growing out of the war. It has become a fetish with European states.

men and economists; a panacea for solution from all their sins of omission and commission. Europe is in a snarl today, sorely tried by its ills and oppressed by the burden of its sins. So debt cancellation is trotted

way of reparations approximates very closely the amounts which the allied covernments owe the government of

total of the indebtedness which it is proposed shall be canceled by the united States. France and Italy and other countries owe England money, but the money England loaned them was part of or was offset by money which England borrowed from this country. The same is true of loans to be prepared to defend itself against aggression, it is as necessary that it keep its credit good as it is that it to be prepared to defend itself against aggression, it is as necessary that it keep its credit good as it is that it to be prepared to defend itself against aggression, it is as necessary that it which England borrowed from this country. The same is true of loans

But, it is argued, the United States man people is correct time and im-

the question which apparently to the considered by those in Europe who than now.

Residents of the District who rethe appeal for food and the United States. Twelve billion dol-lars is the estimate of Germany's paying capacity. Principal and un-paid interest on allied debts to this paying capacity. Principal and unpaid interest on allied debts to this country are in excess of \$11,000,000.

It also is a fact worth remarking, though it hardly is a coincidence, that the total of the indebtedness which it is proposed European nations shall cancel approximates very closely the total of the indebtedness which it is proposed shall be canceled by the United States. France and Italy and other countries owe England money, but the money England loaned them

#### Canadian Comment on Fixing of Wages by Law. In deciding a case under the mini-, er among the prosperous than amon

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Appeals for Germans.

to Needs and Deserts.

manepeople do not need nor deserve aid. Whether his estimate of the Ger-

they can hope to recover they would be outrained to recover the work of the same than the sheretofore purpose. This brings the equation up to Germany. If reparations demands were reduced only to the extent of debts canceled, it would bring the bill against Germany somewhat nearer and amount which it is possible for her to pay, but the amount remaining due to pay, but the amount remaining due under the treaty and subsequent fixations still would be in the neighbors.

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spond to the appeal for food and clothing for the starving German and German-Austrians are sending

GEO, M. KOBER.

# Be Given Jail Terms

My experience with an automobile

## CAPITAL KEYNOTES

BY PAUL V. COLLINS.

I thank you most sincerely for publishing my appeal for the starving in Germany. I have read Dr. Wiley's rejoinder, and cannot deny that from the viewpoint of my good friend he is justified in assuming that the Germany assuming that the Germany is described in assuming that the Germany parts that our coming the Editor of The Star:

When Gen. Pershing's first continued in the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the struggle through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the large of the propose to "help the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the struggle through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the propose to "help the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the struggle through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the struggle through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the propose to "help the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the struggle through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the propose to "help the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the propose to "help the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the through four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the propose to "help the Americans," and all that he accomplished was to prolong the trough four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. Without his interference, peace was assured in the Americans, and all that he accomplished was to prolong the trough four more years of bitterness and bloodshed. cepted in many parts that our coming into the war was in defense of France in return for Lafayette's romantic rescue of the thirteen American colonies

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"Move up in the aisles!" is a cry that now resounds in the city's street cars, a preholiday slogan as appealing cars, a preholiday slogan as appealing and the procedure of the procedure of the process of the procedure of the process and the years. A short time ago the voteless from Germany to pay. If \$12,000,000,000 represents the maximum sum which Germany to pay. If \$12,000,000,000 represents the maximum sum which Germany to pay. If \$12,000,000,000 represents the maximus of the process the process the process that the process t

It was not until the final negotiations for peace were under way, after Cornwallis' surrender at Yorktown from the tyranny of England, and that that the Machiavellian hand of the our debt to France had been drawing French premier, Vergennes, showed itself, through diplomacy, in serious

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speeder last night, which almost cost me my life, as well as the demolish-

Kansas had a prohibition law, but its enforcement at that time compared unfavorably even with the enforcement of the Voltead act today. The youngster rom the country -Arthur Capper by name — had eached Topeka thout 6 o'clock one Saturday evening. With o'rty saloons still lourishing in the ity, about one-salf of the printers of the Daily Capital were forsenand their sort with the aid of strong the composing room." he was told. The long and short of it was that Capper began work as a reporter in a part of the city known as North Topeka. In the next half dozen years he held all kinds of positions on the paper up to city editor. In that time, too, he spent half a year in New York city, on the Tribune, and of Congress covering it for the Topeka Capital. It was his own suggestion that he come east to learn something about the methods of newspaper work in the come east to learn the method of the senate and the paper of the senate and the paper of the senate and the paper of the states in those days, and had sent the bushy-bearded provided in a num

sorrows with the aid of strong liquor.

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Note that the strong liquor in the east and of the working of Congress as a sponge absorbed water, he determined to branch that the